

The issue of crime victim in criminology

Resume

The purpose of my thesis is to describe all aspects of the situation of the victims, to find some problems they have to solve and to suggest the possible solutions of these problems. I find this topic very interesting. In the past, people concerned only with perpetrators of crimes. The victims were ignored. The situation is better now, nevertheless the position of the victims is not as good as it should be. It is necessary to make some changes, mainly to prevent secondary victimization because it is a big problem the victims must deal with. It is also very important to make some changes in our legislation to improve the position of the victims.

The thesis is composed of ten chapters which are divided into subchapters.

The chapter one deals with victimology. The first part focuses on a history of victimology and the second part deals with its subject.

The chapter two concentrates on the term Victim. It also focuses on some aspects that increase the probability of becoming a victim. Finally, the third part of this chapter deals with the typology of the victims.

The chapter three describes the process of victimization. Especially it concentrates on primary and secondary victimization, on secondary victimization of the victims of a rape and finally it describes the repeated victimization.

The next chapter concerns the impact of a criminal act on the victim.

The chapter five focuses on children as the victims of crimes because their victimization has some specifics. In my opinion the children are the most vulnerable group of victims.

The chapter six characterises victimological researches as an important source of information about the victims and about the whole criminality.

The chapter seven deals with the ways of help provided to the victims and with very important organization called Bílý kruh bezpečí which provides the help.

The chapter eight concentrates on a prevention of criminality. It describes different kinds of prevention.

The chapter nine concerns the rights of the victims provided by state. I focus on five specific rights and I try to find ways how to improve them.

The last chapter describes the proposal of the new act concerning the victims. It is the proposal made by The Ministry of Justice. In my opinion this proposal is very good.

The conclusions are described at the end of my thesis. I found few problems and drawbacks and I tried to propose the ways how to prevent them.